

APPROVED MINUTES

Advisory Board of Health

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

6:00 PM

Public Health Building
1900 West Old Shakopee Road

Present

Members:

Cindy McKenzie, Satbir Brar, David Drummond, Corinne Ellingham, Joshua Korthouse, Joe Lawless

Staff Advisor:

Bonnie Paulsen, Public Health Administrator

Staff:

Nick Kelley, Asst. Public Health Administrator

Nancy Tadros, Office Support Specialist

Guests:

Dr. Traci Toomey, University of Minnesota

Public:

None

Absent

Patrick Martin

Call to Order

McKenzie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Oath of Office

Paulsen issued the Oath of Office to returning Board Member and 2016 Chair, Cindy McKenzie (term exp. December 31, 2017).

Approval of Minutes

M/Korthouse, S/Ellingham, and all voting aye to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2016.

Approval of Agenda

M/Korthouse, S/Lawless, and all voting aye to approve the February 23, 2016 meeting agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use and Abuse

The Board was joined by Dr. Traci Toomey, alcohol policy and prevention expert and Director of the Alcohol Epidemiology Program at the University of Minnesota, to discuss current alcohol-related issues and trends pertaining to both youth and adults in the community.

Data on alcohol and tobacco in Bloomington, including locations of sales and compliance checks, were provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Also included were data and trends relative to alcohol and tobacco questions asked on the Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) and the Survey of the Health of All the Population and the Environment (SHAPE).

Dr. Toomey expressed concern over the adult binge drinking rates, including over-service at alcohol establishments. It was mentioned that Bloomington, with its large hospitality industry, also has a large number of alcohol establishments. She asked the Board to consider what controls were in place for the whole population, not just for underage youth.

Abuse of prescription drugs, including regulation and control, was noted as a concern, as well.

It was noted during the discussion that funding for this topic has shifted in recent years, making funding for addressing and preventing these issues less available. Attention has also shifted, especially from adult consumption/alcohol-related incidents (i.e. suicides, crime, motor vehicle accidents, sexually-transmitted infections, depression, domestic violence, etc.)

Some possible solutions for addressing the issues discussed include understanding the specific problems to be addressed, considering the policies in place (and whether they can they be stronger and/or better enforced), bringing public attention to said policies, supporting businesses that are compliant, considering alcohol-related costs, training establishments and their employees, providing education/programs in schools, etc.

The Board and Staff will take this information into consideration and make suggestions to each other via email in order to determine next steps.

**Public Health
Administrator Update**

In regards to accreditation, Paulsen noted that the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) would be conducting its site visit of Bloomington Public Health (BPH) on June 2 – 3, 2016. She didn't know whether PHAB would ask to interview anyone from the Board, but mentioned keeping those dates marked on Members' calendars. Paulsen will confirm details once she knows more.

Paulsen also provided the Board with BPH staffing updates: Cindy Jean-Baptiste has accepted the full-time Health Planner/Accreditation Coordinator position and will begin on Feb. 29, 2016, while Amanda Nagy will be performing the duties of this position on a part-time basis until shortly after PHAB's site visit in June; Amanda Jeffy, previously an intern at BPH, accepted the full-time Emergency Preparedness position and began on January 19, 2016.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH REPORTS AND PLANNING

Chair's Report

McKenzie reported on the Diamond Service Awards Event held on February 21, 2016, where she and Mayor presented the Food Safety Awards voted upon by the Board during January's meeting. McKenzie also mentioned Paulsen's, Drummond's and her presentation of the 2015 Annual Report and 2016 Work Plan to Council on February 22, 2016. Many of the other Members were also in attendance. Finally, Tri-city Partners (TCP) will be reassembling, so McKenzie will connect with Elham Ashkar, Bloomington SHIP Coordinator, to get more information. McKenzie will continue representing the Board in that regard and provide another TCP update in April.

**Community Center
Task Force Update**

Korthouse, who is representing the Board on the Bloomington Community Center Task Force, noted that the Task Force is still seeking two youth members from the community before it can commence meetings. Brar will pass along the information and application on this to some youth residents he believes could be good candidates for these positions.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting

Joint Meeting of the Bloomington, Edina and Richfield Health Boards/Committee
Monday, March 21 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (light meal at 5:30 p.m.)
Richfield Municipal Center - Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423

Adjournment

M/Ellingham, S/Drummond, and all voting aye to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.